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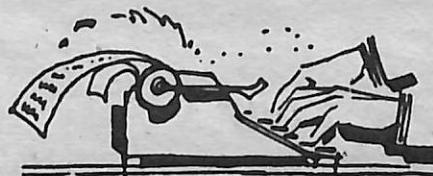
*Season's Greetings
and
Happy New Year*



A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS SCENE of 19th century family heading for service on December 25th. (A P. Buckley Moss portrait photographed by Southwick-Suffield Advertiser News photographer R.T. McMullen at Creative Framing in Enfield.

*Advertiser News Staff
and
the Sardella Family
Ric, Betsy, & Kaitlin*

Letters-to-the-Editor



Tileston Praises AHS Music Dept.

To The Editor:

As I am not much of a letter writer, I thought I would take this time to write to the publisher of the *Agawam Advertiser News* (whom I attended school with) and who, in the past, has been so terrific in his concerns for Agawam Schools.

The fact is there are so many friends in Agawam that I owe a letter to, it would take me until next Christmas to get them all out.

Indeed, I am still alive and well (for those who are concerned). My move back to Cape Cod was very necessary for so many reasons.

My wife's business in downtown Chatham is thriving and my son, Jason, 3, runs the store. He is quite a host. I have just secured the job as band director at Chatham Junior-Senior High School. It's a band that is quite a bit smaller than what I was used to at Agawam High, which brings me to my experience at Agawam High School.

Turnpike Has Free Coffee For Tired Drivers

The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority today announced to motorists that free coffee will be served at restaurants on the turnpike over the Christmas and New Year holiday weekends.

Chairman John T. Driscoll said, "Howard Johnson Company, operators of the restaurants along the 135 mile super highway, would provide free coffee to promote safe driving." The gesture is intended to remind motorists that rest stops and coffee stops can help keep drivers alert, thereby improving driving performance.

"All too often, motorists in a rush to arrive at their destination become fatigued and a pause along the turnpike will enhance safe travel," he added. Certificates will be distributed at the toll plazas which allow motorists to be served coffee without charge from 10:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 25th, to 7:00

Any success that I may boast about was completely (without any doubt) due to the guidance and direction of my "boss" Darcy Davis. I can't thank him enough for his support and leadership.

Agawam is very lucky to have this man who gives completely of himself and expects nothing in return (except to see his students praised for their accomplishments).

I thank Steve Files and Scott Thompson for their comradery. I have learned many things from both. I hope the students of Agawam will continue to respect all three of these music educators. They have so much to offer.

Of course, I couldn't leave out my thanks to all past and present Agawam High Band Parents. You have been and always will be the world's greatest.

The undying support of this organization has been invaluable. And to all my private students: please stick with it. I miss you all.

I have many fond memories of my contacts with all of Agawam's faculty and administrators as well.

Believe me. It was a very difficult decision to leave all of this and all of you wonderful people. But life goes on with all of its interesting turns.

I will think of Agawam often and all of the very many friends that I made there. Please visit me in Chatham when you can.

Warm wishes for this holiday season.

Zachary Tileston
Former AHS Music Teacher
P.O. Box 632
Chatham, MA 02633

a.m., Thursday, December 26th, and 10:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 31st, to 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 1st.

The turnpike authority thanks the Howard Johnson and Burker King Restaurants for their generous contributions toward highway safety.

Driscoll also reminds motorists that the 55 mph speed limit and the Commonwealth's drunk driving laws will be rigidly enforced to ensure everyone a safer holiday.

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WMECO Explains Why It Seeks Hike For Local Customers

Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO) last week filed a formal application with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) for increases in its electric rates totaling \$29.4 million, or approximately 11.5 percent. The new rates will go in effect in July 1986.

WMECO filed notice on November 15th that it would apply for higher rates. Last week's filing included the actual application and proposed rate schedules, which incorporate the DPU's most recent directives on rate design.

Monthly Increases To Vary By Customer

For a typical residential electric customer, who uses about 500 kilowatt-hours per month, the new rates would increase monthly bills by \$5.32 or 10.9 percent, from \$48.86 to \$54.18. Actual increases will vary by customer class and level of usage.

WMECO, a subsidiary of Northeast Utilities (NU), serves about 170,000 customers in Western Massachusetts.

The 11.5 percent rate increase request is the second lowest percentage increase sought by WMECO in more than a decade, and the first retail rate increase sought by the company since January 1984.

"While we are pleased to have been able to hold the line on rates for almost two years, we must now prepare to reflect the cost of a major new generating unit in the rates we charge customers," WMECO Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Frank R. Locke said.

Locke said most of the proposed increase of \$23 million is associated with the Millstone 3 nuclear electric generating unit in Waterford, Connecticut.

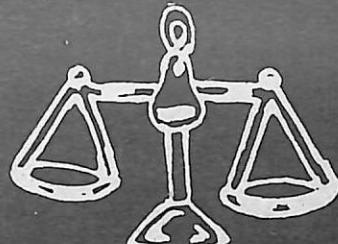
The 1,150-megawatt unit, 12.2 percent owned by WMECO, is scheduled to go into service in May 1986.

"While Millstone 3 will initially cause rates to rise, over the years it should offer our customers stable rates and a secure energy supply," said Locke.

\$6.4 million or 2.5 percent of the increase is requested to cover charges in the traditional cost of business.

"We recognize that for some of our customers, any increase in energy costs presents a hardship," said Locke.

Locke pledged the company's continued efforts to assist these customers through the utility's "Energy Care" conservation programs, and by working with governmental and private social agencies.



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Charles Featured At Chamber Breakfast



AGAWAM TOWN MANAGER REID CHARLES (center) was the featured speaker at the Agawam Chamber of Commerce's Annual Christmas Breakfast, Tuesday, December 10th, at Chez Josef. Also in photo are Andrew Campbell, chairman of educational committee of chamber (left), and Mark Haymes, president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE members Dr. Kay Schlaffer (center) and Richard Aldrich enjoy a chat at the Annual Christmas Breakfast. At left is David Pisano, deputy Agawam fire chief. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Draghetti Notes Ruling From Bellotti's Office

According to Agawam's Consumer Advisory Officer Louis Draghetti, who also serves as Sealer of Weights and Measures, Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti has announced that his office has settled antitrust disputes with eight Massachusetts magazine wholesale distributors.

The companies which signed Assurances of Discontinuance with Bellotti, Draghetti said, assured that they will no longer violate the state Antitrust Act.

The companies are: Atlas News Company, Inc., of Boylston; Interstate Distributors, Inc., of Quincy; A.F. Goldsmith & Co., Inc., of Salem; Franklin County News, of Greenfield; Mullare News Agency, Inc., of Brockton; North Shore News, Inc., of Lynn; Holyoke News Co., Inc., of Holyoke; and Pittsfield News Co., Inc., of Pittsfield.

According to Bellotti, the settling companies allegedly conspired to allocate exclusive territories. The wholesalers also allegedly agreed not to solicit or service customers within each other's territory, thus monopolizing magazine distribution in those territories in violation of the Massachusetts Antitrust Act.

Bellotti's investigation was prompted by complaints by retailers who were told by the defendants that they were limited to a single source if they wished to receive magazine delivery.

"Businesses cannot claim for themselves the luxury of operating in a competition-free environment," Bellotti said, "since such an environment can only hurt consumers. I am very pleased these eight companies have agreed to work within the restraints of the Antitrust Act in the future."

The magazine wholesalers, said Draghetti, which settled with the Attorney General, will make payments totalling \$76,500 to the Antitrust Enforcement Fund. They have also agreed to send informational letters to all of their retail customers who purchase magazines.

The settlement was negotiated by Assistant Attorneys General Craig S. Havel and Dorothy Anderson of Bellotti's Antitrust Division, following an investigation by the Investigative Unit of the Public Protection Bureau.

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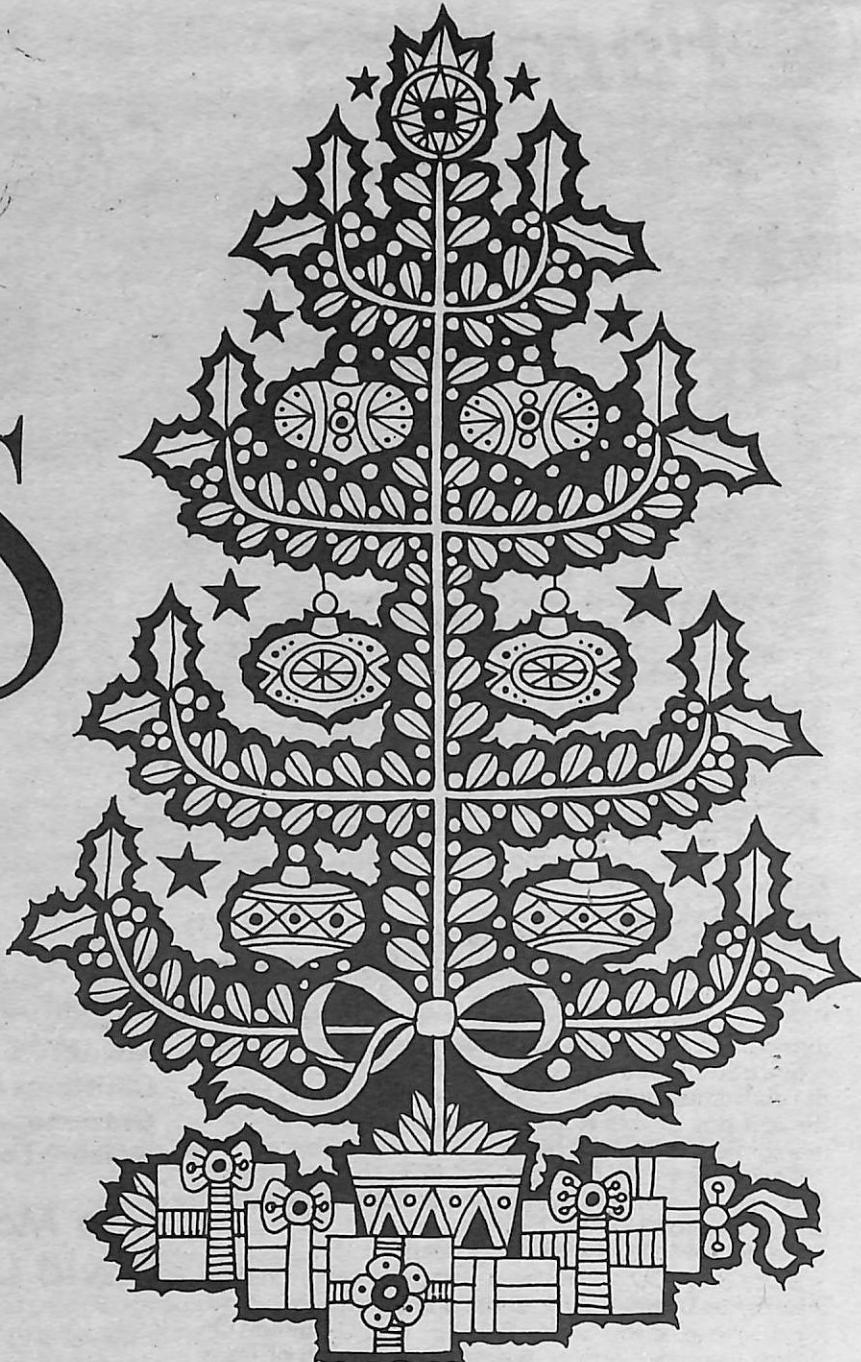
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Families



Christmas Traditions Of Old

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

- Why Is Christmas Celebrated On December 25th?

For centuries prior to the beginning of Christianity, the citizens of the vast Roman Empire were in the habit of holding festivals in order to honor pagan gods of nature. Among the most notorious of these festivals was the Saturnalia, a merry celebration that was held during the winter solstice (December 22nd, the first day of winter) to honor Saturn, the harvest god.

Saturn, in fact, was considered the legendary ruler of Italy during the Empire's heyday, and the devotion towards him was so strong that the festival of Saturnalia was continued as a traditional event even after the arrival of Christianity.

But, the early churchmen of this new religion felt that Saturnalia needed some special meaning. They decided that it would be good if the birth of Jesus Christ was incorporated into this festival, thereby diminishing the pagan aspects of this old celebration.

Since Saturnalia ended on the 25th day of December, the early churchmen thought it would be a good idea if the last day of this Roman festival was used to commemorate the birth of Jesus.

Consequently, in the year 354 A.D., Bishop Liberius of Rome announced that December 25th would be the official day to observe Christmas, and the office of the Pope approved of the bishop's decision.

Since 354 A.D., Christmas has been celebrated on this day in December by Christians around the world except those of the Greek, Russian, and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches who commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ on January 7th.

- Was Christmas Ever Banned?

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England in the 1500's, holidays were the sources of much merriment and enthusiasm. Some celebrations were carried on for as long as a week, and Christmas was no exception.

Besides being a festival of feasting, singing, and dancing, Christmas was also the time when the "Lord of Misrule" came into power. An age-old tradition within the Church was to have a morally upright lad be a "Boy Bishop" on Christmas Day and be in charge of the holiday services.

But, in Queen Elizabeth I's time, this tradition was abused, and the "Boy Bishop" now became the "Lord of Misrule," a rowdy young man who, along with his fellow ruffians, turned Christmas into a wild spree of partying that ignored the reason why this holiday was celebrated in the first place.

At about this time, Puritanism was on the rise in England. The members of this strict and pious sect were horrified with how Christmas was being celebrated, and they intended to do something about it when they had enough power in the English government.

Thus, in 1643, Parliament ordered that Christmas (along with a couple of other holidays) was to be abolished from the calendar.

In the American Colonies, this aspect of Puritanism was present in New England. The year 1659 saw the passing of a law that forbade anyone in the Massachusetts Bay Colony from observing Christmas Day in any way, shape or form. The holiday could not be mentioned even in church, people could not use Christmas as a day off from work, and a prison sentence was used to deter anyone from violating this law.

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Suffriti Family Says Thanks
The entire Suffriti Family sends its sincere and deep appreciation to the Ambulance EMT's from the Agawam Fire Department and to the Agawam Police for their fast action and great support during their recent family tragedy. The EMT's and police of this town do a tremendous job and townspeople are very fortunate to have them available in times of need.

Catholic Women's Club Holds Annual Party



MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB who attended the club's Annual Christmas Party, Monday, December 16th, are, from left - Jackie Hayes, hospitality; Rose Graziano, chairwoman of December hospitality; Paula Raiche, December program chairwoman; Lorraine Maniscalchi, and Rose Dean. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Lisa Marie Fogg Weds David Leo Corriveau

Mr. & Mrs. James D. Fogg of Barney Street, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to David Leo Corriveau, son of Mr. & Mrs. Leo Corriveau of Old Barn Road, West Springfield.

The marriage took place at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam on November 9th. Father Philip Gallerani officiated. The bride's sister, Cheryl Fogg of Acton, was the maid of honor and the bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Leslie Fogg of Agawam, Freida Bauman Joseph of Kennebunkport, Maine, Debra Simpson of Raymond, New Hampshire, and Susan Garvin of Springfield.

Craig Guillotte was the best man, and ushers were Michael Daggett, William Anderson, all of West Springfield, and David Gill.

The bride's gown was of ivory peau de soi with a scoop neckline, fitted bodice, long tapered sleeves, and full floor length skirt. The gown was her mother's

wedding gown and originally worn in 1957. The maid of honor was in cranberry satin and the bridesmaids wore dusky satin full length gowns.

A reception was held at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield and the couple spent their honeymoon in South America, visiting Rio de Janeiro, Iguassu Falls, and a trip on the Amazon River.

Mr. & Mrs. Corriveau will make their home in Hartford, Connecticut.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet At St. John's

The Agawam-West Springfield Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet at St. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street, Agawam, Friday, January 3rd, from 9:00 p.m. to Saturday, January 4th, at 6:00 a.m.

Father Karl Huller, pastor of St. John's Church in Agawam, will open the vigil with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 p.m. Friday. Members alternate periods of adoration during the nine hour vigil with Benediction at 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Alfred L. Mutti, society secretary, and Stephen L. Daily, group leader, are in charge of arrangements. Richard Rieker is the chairman of St. John's membership.

Further information can be obtained by calling 786-8571, and membership is open to everyone 18 years of age or older.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 24th
Pre-Schoolers Celebration
Sacred Heart Church
4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 28th
Feature Film
"The Love Bug"
Public Library
2:30 p.m.

Friday, January 3rd
Nocturnal Adoration Society
St. John's the Evangelist Church
9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (Saturday)

January 15th
Orientation Night
Agawam Jaycees
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8:00 p.m.



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Annual Christmas Party Of Agawam UNICO



HANDING OUT CHRISTMAS GIFTS at the Agawam UNICO Christmas Party, held at the Springfield Turnverein are, from left - Charlie Calabrese, Frank Chriscola, and Al Malone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HAVING A GRAND OLD TIME at the Agawam UNICO Christmas Party, are, standing, from left - Tom Gentile, Tom Coppola, and Dante Mutti. Seated - Diane Rulnick, Laura Coppola, and Kathy Mutti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

CHRISTMAS - From Page 6...

- How Christmas Came To The American Colonies

While New England was influenced by the stern hand of Puritanism, the middle colonies were under the influence of settlers who did not come from England. For example, in New Amsterdam (now called New York), Dutch colonists brought with them Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of Holland. On December 6th, he was to visit all the good children and bring them presents.

Meanwhile, in Delaware and Pennsylvania, a similar tradition was carried out by colonists from several

European countries. Gifts were given on Christmas Day by Swedish settlers in Delaware and Pennsylvania residents who were originally from Germany, Scotland, Ireland, and Sweden.

The spirit of Holland's Saint Nicholas was also present in the Christmas observances of these fellow cultures. To German children, this kind saint was named "Kris Kindle," while the Dutch youngsters referred to him as "Sinter Klaas."

Soon, many English settlers throughout the rest of the American colonies began to let the holiday of Christmas come into their lifestyles.

Their children, in particular, learned of Saint

Nicholas, and this legendary character's popularity became so widespread that he was eventually given a name that everyone began to use — Santa Claus.

By the time the Civil War had begun, the New England area had finally discarded its Puritanical viewpoint on Christmas and celebrated the holiday as the nearby middle colonies had done for many, many years.

For the first time in history, the people of the New England region partook of a joyous, centuries-old festival that has been — and, hopefully, will always be — one of the most beloved celebrations in the history of the human race.

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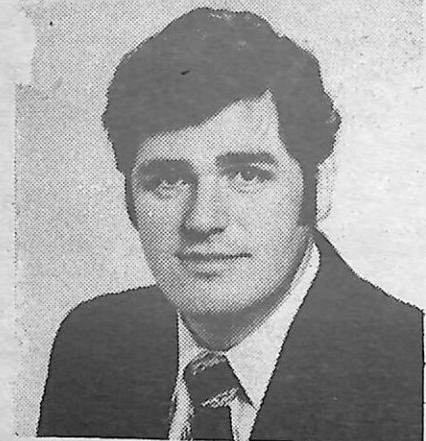
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OVER AT CASCIO NURSERIES, Marianne Shenefield, Joy Ebbersten, and Karen Bates take a look at this impressive over-sized flocked wreath, made by the famous Cascio brothers and family. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TOM CASCIO JR., is shown flocking Christmas trees at Cascio Nurseries on Meadow Street. The flocking prolongs the life of the trees. If stored properly, they may be used for several years. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JENNIFER CASCIO AND FRIEND ERIN SHENEFIELD are dwarfed by the huge Christmas wreath (left) available at Cascio Nurseries on Meadow Street, Agawam. Flocked Christmas trees are also a speciality of the store, which first began making wreaths and trees at Christmas 30 years ago. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Season's Greetings From
LAURA DUGAN, our feature
writer/senior citizen reporter

Cascios Christmas Specialists!

by Laura B. Dugan
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Thomas Cascio Sr. is practically a household word in Agawam for plants, flowers, and landscaping. But, right now for the Christmas season, the Cascios are producing their specialty of flocked trees and wreaths. A flocked tree is breath-taking and beautiful.

Back when Meadow Street was Route 57, a road leading directly to the old South End Bridge, Cascio had the first "Garden Mart" in Western Massachusetts.

On January 1st, 1939, Cascio, with his brother, started their landscaping and nursery business. For 47 years, the name Cascio has been respected in the landscaping, nursery, and florist business.

Custom Tree Work

The Cascios have been making their special trees and wreaths for about 30 years; much of it is custom work. Cascio is very particular about his trees. He buys them in Vermont, and they come to him individually wrapped; as nearly perfect in shape as can be found. Only a "perfect" tree is a good candidate for the flocking process, he told us.

A tree is first sprayed with a liquid which stops needle drop, a very important part of the procedure. Then the flocking begins. It's a powdery mixture of cotton, rayon, or silk and is blown onto the tree, transforming it into a vision that looks just as though it had come directly from the snow-covered Rockies or the Swiss Alps.

Flocking material is available in various colors as well as gold. Colors can be mixed to perfectly match any decor. The treatment also prolongs the life of the tree. If properly wrapped and stored they may be used for several years, Cascio added.

Wreaths are treated the same way and then made into very beautiful wall decorations. They may also be hung outdoors, but should be in a place protected from the weather to maintain their beauty. The flocking also makes the trees and wreaths fire-resistant.

"There is a renewed desire," Cascio said, "for natural trees. It's a trend away from the artificial trees so popular several years ago."

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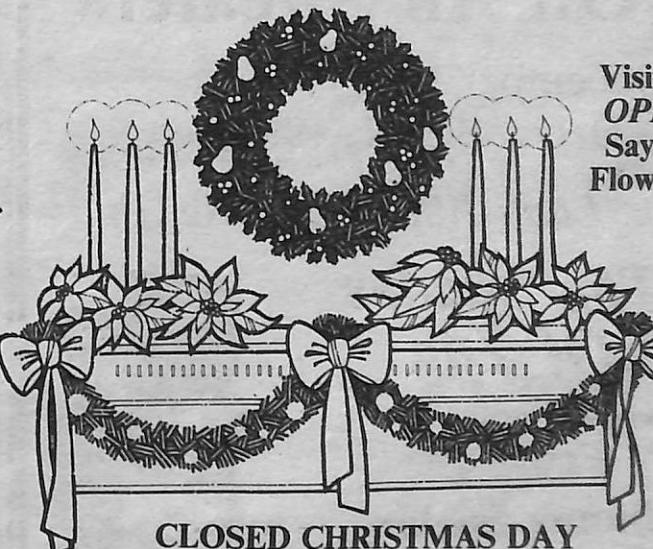
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Junior Women Gather For Cookie Exchange, Party



AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Kathy Wilson, Mary Cincotta, and Mary Ellen Crisotti review cookie display at the club's Annual Cookie Exchange and Christmas Party at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



EXCHANGING GIFTS AND LOOKING OVER a large display of jewelry at the Captain Charles Leonard House are Agawam Junior Women's Club members, Nancy Bannish (center) and Aileen Semarie. At left is Carly Bannish. The Juniors gathered for a exchange of gifts and cookies. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Armand Berthiaume Receives Performance Award

Armand S. Berthiaume of Agawam recently received a performance award and cash bonus from the Defense Contract Audit Agency, Boston Region, for his superior accomplishments as an auditor. DCAA is an independent agency of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Its mission is to perform audits of defense contractors and to provide accounting and financial services to contracting officers. During the last fiscal year, DCAA's audit efforts realized a net savings of over \$8.1 billion for the Department of Defense and the U.S. taxpayer. Berthiaume's superior achievements contributed greatly toward these overall savings.

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Berthiaume received his bachelor's degree from Western New England College and resides in Agawam with his wife, Pauline, and children, Anthony, Michael, and Armand III.

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Agawam Rotarians Welcome District Governor



AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT William Osborn welcomes **District Governor Bill Rood** to a recent meeting of the club at Storrorwton Tavern. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Legal Tips...

by Attorney Donna Brown
Feeding Hills Community Shops

Child Support

Parents have a legal obligation to support their children. This is termed child support. A child's right to parental support continues after a separate support decree or divorce decree.

Parties to a divorce or separate support action usually make agreements concerning child support which must be approved by the family court. This approval is required in order to protect the child's right to support.

Since the law views this right to support as belonging to the child, parents cannot make agreements between themselves with regard to the waiving of child support. The legal principal invoked is that one person cannot waive rights vested in another.

Upon approval by the family court, a support agreement, if the parties so desire, may be made part of the court's decree. This is referred to as "merging" the agreement with the decree. If the agreement is not merged, then it exists as a contract between the parties. The agreement is then considered to have "independent significance."

Whether a support agreement is merged or independent governs where enforcement of the agreement may be sought. A merged agreement is enforced by the family court through its contempt power.

An independent agreement may be enforced in the family court as a merged agreement, and also in the District Court or Superior Court as a civil contract suit.

Additional support obligation enforcement is available through the criminal justice system. In criminal cases, the parties' agreement is not controlling, although the court may look to it for assistance in determining the nature and extent of the support obligation.

This article is provided to familiarize readers with general concepts. Professional advice is recommended for answers to personal questions or circumstances.

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Holyoke Community College Recognizes Employees

Holyoke Community College has recognized its most recent retirees, along with faculty and staff members who have 15 and 20 years of service to the College.

HCC President David Bartley hosted an Employee Recognition Reception Monday, December 9th, to offer official "congratulations" and a special "thank you" to all the employees, who also received a gift to mark the occasion.

The list of Agawam and Feeding Hills honorees and their title follows:

15 Year Employees

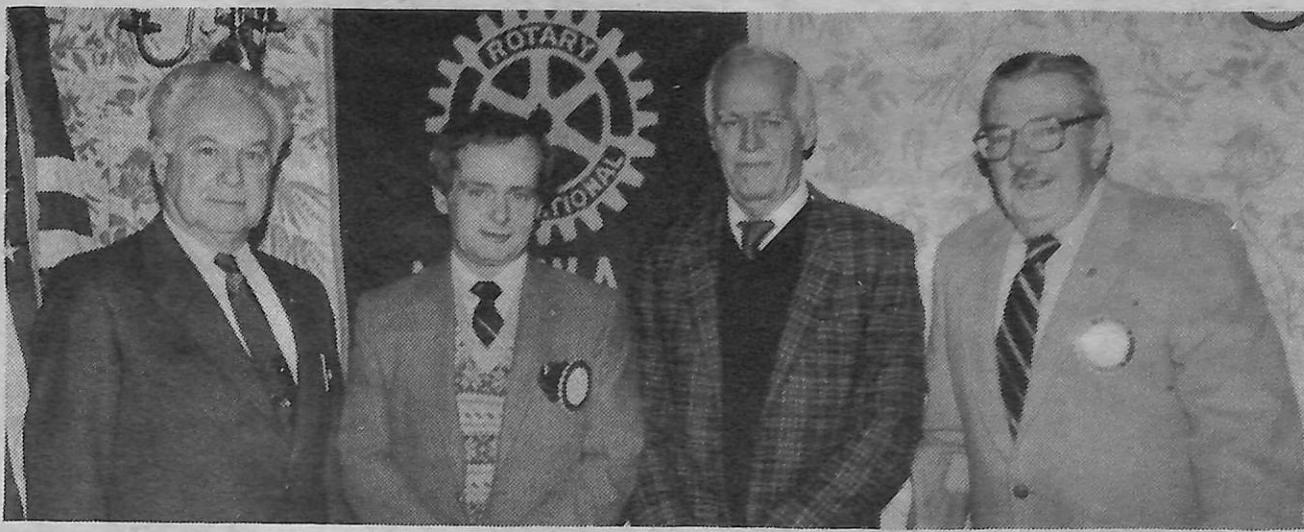
Marsha Ryan, Secretary, Dean of Students, Feeding Hills; Richard Golas, director of athletics, Agawam.

20 Year Employees

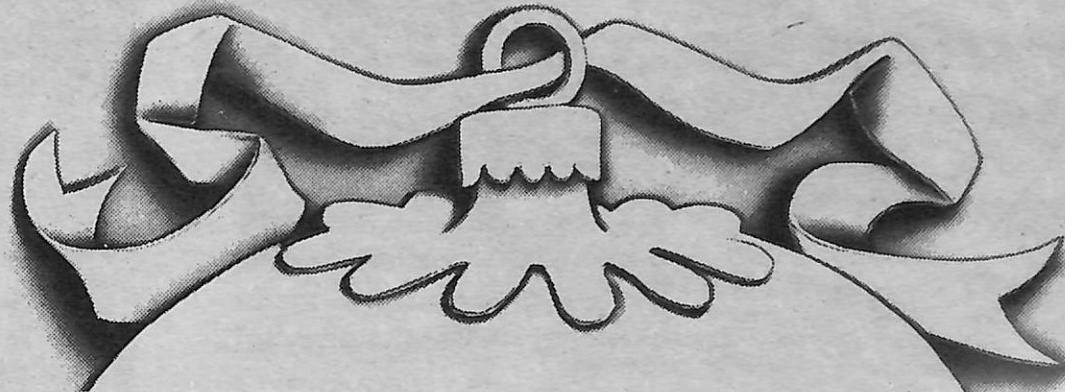
Rene Thomas, Professor of Business Law, Agawam.

Retirees

George Schlagel, janitor, Feeding Hills.



ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ROOD (left) pictured with Agawam Rotarian officers, from left - Jack Walsh, treasurer; William Osborne, president; and Fred Affleck, vice-president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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by Vi Massoia

I received a very nice letter from a soldier who has been stationed in Ashenfburg, West Germany since January 1984.

He would like his family to be able to read this and maybe get a little excited about it.

JOHN ANDREW SMITH graduated from Agawam High School in 1983. In Ashenfburg, he was with the 3rd Infantry division Charlie Company. He received an Army Achievement Medal for being an armorer (small arms specialist). In September 1985, he received his E-4 SP/4. He qualified as a gunner on an M-1 ABRAMS, a main battle tank in Grafenwoehr training area. He participated in the Autumn Reforger (Autumn Forge 84) and Winter Reforger (Winter Forge 85) exercises. John will be coming home December 30th for 45 days and then it's off to Fort Hood, Texas for 18 months. (He might bump into JIM HOAGUE, who is stationed at Fort Hood with the All Army Boxing Team).

His homecoming will be the best Christmas gift his parents, GEORGE & DOROTHY SMITH of Valentine Terrace, Agawam, could ever receive.

Friends and Neighbors wish John and his family a Merry Christmas and I thank him for his personal message to me which was "Merry Christmas and God Bless." He also says, "I can't wait to get home to the best state in America."

MARION OSGOOD of Feeding Hills celebrated her birthday on December 17th. She bowls at the Agawam Bowl — Coffee Rollers League — on Tuesday mornings and a bunch of the gals sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

We inadvertently reported that SANDRA PARO of Feeding Hills had been made office manager of Quality Circle Home Care Services. Correct name of the company is Quality Care Nursing Services.

No matter how much LOUIE RUSSO of Feeding Hills would like that number "40" to pass him by, it's almost impossible.

On Monday, December 23rd, "40's" the age he will be. Birthday wishes to the "man of the hour" are being sent to him from his family GAIL, VINNY and TONY. A small family dinner party is planned.

BOB & KIKI (KATHY) CREMONT of Keen Road North, Clearwater, Florida, will celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary on December 28th.

The Cremonts lived on Cherry Street, Feeding Hills, for many years, with their son, MARC.

The idea of moving to Florida was only in their thoughts until last year. They sold their home and headed south. Kiki tells me they bought a condo and are enjoying Florida living.

Congratulations Bob and Kiki. May you celebrate many more anniversaries.

Birthday greetings are being sent to TOM CASIELLO of Leeland Street, Agawam. He celebrated his birthday on December 19th. These greetings come from his family (and me).

Seems as though December is the month for birthdays of people we know. Received a Christmas card this past week with a bit of news.

MARC CREMONT of Clearwater, Florida (formerly of Cherry Street, Feeding Hills), celebrated his birthday on December 19th. Being long time friends of Marc's, we would like to send him "special birthday wishes."

JAMES & GEORGIE HOAGUE of Rhodes Avenue, Feeding Hills, are excited about the telephone call they received from son JIM. He has made the All-Army Boxing Team. He is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

Jim has been taken off work detail and moved into the living quarters with other boxers. During the next year, he will go through extensive training, getting ready for the next Olympics. His mom says there will be boxing matches in between training.

Congratulations and good luck.

Parks and Rec Director JACK KUNASEK of Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills, will celebrate his birthday on Saturday, December 28th. Birthday wishes are being sent to Jack from B.J. MASSOIA and his family.

Our newly-elected school committee member, LOU MASSOIA, celebrated his birthday on December 11th. His family sends belated birthday wishes.

MR. & MRS. DONALD JAY TADDIA are proud to announce the birth of their son, DONALD JAMES TADDIA. He was born on September 6th, 1985 at 7:11 a.m., at Baptist East Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Donald weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces. He joins a sister, RACHEL ELIZABETH, age 3½.

Paternal grandparents are MR. & MRS. DONALD TADDIA of Agawam, Massachusetts.

Maternal grandparents are MR. & MRS. CHARLES BICKEL of Sewickley, Pennsylvania.

Happy birthday to JOEY GAYLOR. He will be 11 years-old on December 22nd.

Four year-old TONY RUSCIO of Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, broke his arm last week.

He was in a bit of a hurry to see the family Christmas tree his parents had just finished decorating, when he fell down the stairs.

Friends and Neighbors are sending their best wishes to Tony and also wish him a Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all readers of Friends and Neighbors.

We thank you for your many articles that you have called or sent in. 1986 is another year and everyone will celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or some other special event will happen for them.

Why not share them with us and our readers?

Month Of Sundays At Science Museum

If those long winter weekends are wearing a bit thin, bring the family to the Science Museum for a free "Month of Sundays" family program every Sunday in January at 2:00 p.m.

On January 5th, Dick Lucius will demonstrate his **Live Birds of Prey**. Dick is a master falconer from Springfield with over 35 years of experience working with birds of prey.

For the last several years, he has traveled extensively throughout New England with his live birds, presenting programs to schools and other organizations. Lucius holds permits from both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the U.S. government to rehabilitate injured birds, practice the sport of falconry, and under a special educational permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, care for a golden eagle.

With him will be his assistant, Julie Collier. Ms. Collier is a free-lance writer specializing in articles on birds of prey and one of only a handful of women practicing the sport of falconry.

Their program will include appearances by a red-tailed hawk, prairie falcon, and great horned owl. The largest bird is a 13-pound eagle with a six-foot wingspan. The rapport that has developed between Lucius and the huge eagle makes her one of the very few eagles anywhere in the country that can be shown before a close-up audience.

In addition to the live birds, the program includes examples of falconry equipment and reproductions of American Indian artifacts.

Future "Month of Sundays" programs are **Pet Care**, January 12th; **Native Americans Yesterday and Today**, January 19th; and **The Amazing Amazon** on January 26th.

All programs are free, and seating will be available on a first come - first served basis. The Science Museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Museum hours are Tuesday to Sunday from noon until 5:00 p.m.

For information, call 733-1194.

Obituary

Huguette M. Roberts

Agawam: Huguette M. (Gaudreault) Roberts, 58, of 61 Arbor Lane, died Tuesday, December 17th, in Baystate Medical Center, after a long illness. A native of Montpelier, Vermont, she lived in Agawam most of her life. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church. She leaves her husband, Roland Roberts Sr.; two sons, Roland Jr. of Feeding Hills and Dennis of Agawam; two daughters, Gail DelMonico of Agawam and Laurie Roberts of West Springfield; a brother, Francis Gaudreault of San Jacinto, California; three sisters, Muriel Lecese of La Crescenta, California, Jesslyn Marose of Manchester, Connecticut, and Arlene Darrough of Glendora, California; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was Thursday, December 19th, in the church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Colonial Funeral Home was in charge. Donations may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02115.

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Rep. Walsh Holds Annual Christmas Party



STATE REPRESENTATIVE Michael P. Walsh enjoys a light moment with family friend Janis Raschi at his Annual Christmas Party, held again this year at the Italian Sporting Club, Sunday, December 15th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Artist Annie Tiberio Featured At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden will be featuring an exhibition of New England landscapes by local artist, Annie Tiberio, in the Audubon Gallery from December 22nd to January 30th.

Ms. Tiberio grew up primarily in Illinois, near Lake Michigan (with a brief four year hiatus in Houston, Texas) where an early interest in the outdoors and nature's beauty sprouted.

She now lives in Hampden, where her time is divided between photography, working at Laughing Brook part-time as environmental resource specialist, co-raising her two year-old son, Adam, and a few other purists.

Although she is more well-known for her teaching of photography, she is beginning to exhibit more of her art in the local area. She exhibited at the 1985 Mattoon Arts Festival, the Hampden Public Library, and will have an exhibit in March in Longmeadow.

Longmeadow. Her photos have earned many awards and trophies in local, regional, and national camera competitions, and have appeared in *Sanctuary* magazine (Massachusetts Audubon Society's publication), the 1985 and 1986 EPOCH calendar by Southworth Company, and assorted brochures.

Ms. Tiberio has taught Basic SLR Photography for five years for Laughing Brook, the Springfield Science Museum, and the Town of Longmeadow Adult Education.

Recently, she began offering an introductory nature photography course, co-teaching with John Green. Although she emphasizes nature in her photography, she does welcome many other pictorial subjects.

For more information, contact Lisa Carpenter, 566-8034.

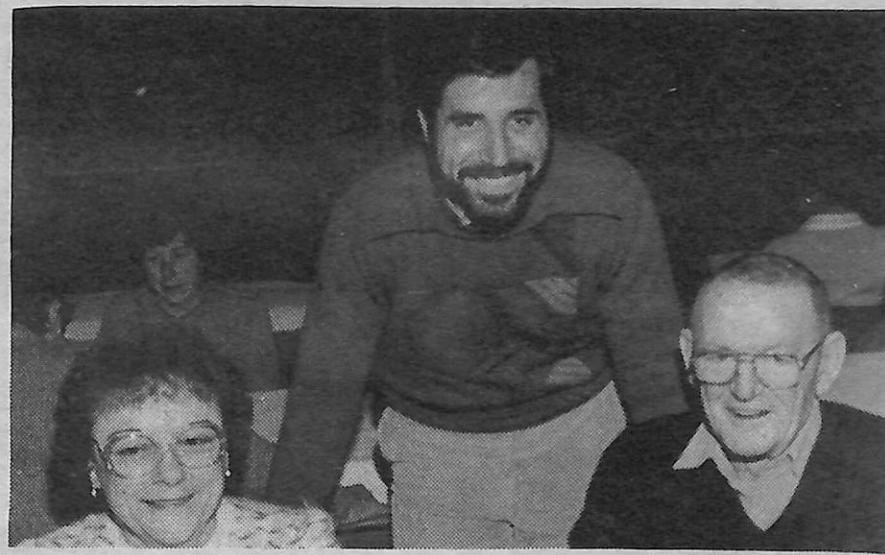
Santa Claus To Appear At Wade Park In Feeding Hills

Santa Claus landed his helicopter with Joe Mendes, an Agawam businessman at the controls, Sunday, December 8th, at 3:30 p.m., in the West Springfield Municipal parking lot and headed directly to the Westbank Central Street office.

The reason for Santa's untimely visit was to pick up the proceeds of his working capital and inventory loan so that all the children in West Springfield and Agawam will have a Merry Christmas.

While at the bank, he distributed gifts to the children that were there to greet him. One of the conditions of the loan was that Santa judge the first Annual Christmas Cookie Bake-Off Contest conducted by Westbank employees.

It has been rumored around the bank that John Lilly, vice president and comptroller of Westbank, had a part-time job during the Christmas holiday season, but not until someone recognized his jolly face as he stepped out of the helicopter did his co-workers know what the job was.



ED & GLORIA COLBY of Agawam are welcomed to the Italian Sporting Club by State Rep. Michael Walsh, Sunday, December 15th.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Marian Center Offers Reflection

A Year-End Evening of Reflection on New Year's Eve, December 31st, "Welcome 1986 in Prayer!" with Bishop Leo E. O'Neil will be held at the Marian Center in Holyoke, at 136 Northampton Street, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

This New Year's Eve program will include talks, dinner, and celebration of Mass.

Call 533-7171 for reservations. Registration will be at 5:45 p.m.

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A Winter's Scene...



SOUTHWICK-SUFFIELD ADVERTISER NEWS
photographer John Loftus found this tree covered with ice near the Southwick-Suffield line following the recent ice storm. The tree was being lit by a floodlight.

Advertiser News photo by John Loftus.

Around The World With AFS



AT THE AGAWAM CHAPTER of American Field Service Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15th, foreign exchange students Ericka Velasco (left) and Allan McFall (right) pictured with former AFS President Betty Dugan (next to Ericka), Elsie Brindle, who traveled to Columbia from Agawam, and Chris Desilets, an Agawam High student who will soon be leaving for New Zealand. The Christmas Party was held at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Here Comes Santa Claus, Here Comes S

TWO YEAR-OLD JENNIFER JUSINO is welcomed by old St. Nick and one of his helpers, Sunday, December 14th, at Park WestBank in West Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SANTA CLAUS is surrounded by admiring children. Agawam Fire Department engine in the background get around to his many visitations before returning Christmas Eve. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SANTA CLAUS AND HIS ELVES welcomed townsfolk into Ames Department Store in the Southgate Shopping Plaza on a recent Sunday afternoon. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

SANTA CLAUS ASKS Bridget Donovan, 4½, of 737 River Road (above) and Adam Block, 6, 459 Shoemaker Lane, if they've been naughty or nice at Ames Dept. Store in Agawam. Of course, both said NICE very clearly. Santa said he knew that anyway and to expect him on Christmas Eve.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SANTA CLAUS was the highlight at Park Westbank in West Springfield, December 15th. While in the North Pole, Santa arrived courtesy of Agawam's Joe. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Santa Claus, Down On Agawam Lane



Children who were equally fascinated by this round. Santa said he needed the fire truck to turn to the North Pole to get ready for



MARK ROY, 6, just couldn't wait to tell Santa Claus how good he has been throughout 1985. Mark and Santa were at Park WestBank in West Springfield, December 15th.



CHEZ JOSEF owner and operator Alan Skoke welcomes Santa Claus to his banquet facility for the Annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Breakfast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RECEIVING A BIG HUG from Frances D. Kelly at the Agawam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Breakfast is Santa.

A highlight of the show in West Springfield, Sunday, while the reindeer rest arrived by helicopter, Joe Mendes. Advertiser



BELLOW, Brandon Donovan, 2½, of 737 River Road, isn't quite sure what to make of Santa Claus at Ames Department Store.

Town Churches List Many Special Holiday Services

by Laura B. Dugan
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The joyous Advent Season is being celebrated in Agawam's churches, with doors open wide to receive members and friends. **AGAWAM BAPTIST CHURCH**, Main Street, has been celebrating the Sundays in Advent with special music and with the lighting of the Advent candles.

The candle has been lit each Sunday by a recently baptized young person who speaks about what the ceremony means to him. On December 15th, there was a special family workshop and a party for the children and young people. On Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Candlelight Service. "Franz' Gift of Christmas" will be narrated by the pastor and there will be special music. The service will close with the worshipers, each with a lighted candle, forming a continuous circle about the sanctuary.

BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Main Street, presented its Annual "Singing Christmas Tree" on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of December. On December 22nd at 7:00 p.m., the Youth Choir will present a musical, "Home For Christmas." On December 31st, New Year's Eve, from 9:30 to midnight, there will be a family service presenting Phil Emloe, renowned concert and gospel singer in a musical program.

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Main Street, celebrates the Advent Season by lighting a candle each Sunday. The first three Sundays in Advent the children have participated in the worship service by setting up a creche in the sanctuary.

On December 8th, there was an afternoon family workshop making wreaths and enjoying a soup and sandwich supper.

After supper, a group of members and young people went caroling to shut-in members nearby. On December 15th, the choir presented the Annual Christmas Cantata. A "Mitten Tree" in the narthex has been decorated with mittens, hats, and scarves, to be given to the Greater Springfield Council of Churches.

On December 22nd, the Junior Pilgrim Fellowship will present a living creche during the worship service. The sanctuary will be especially decorated with poinsettias given in memory of loved ones and also loaned for the service by parishioners. On Christmas Eve, there will be two services: a family service at 6:30 p.m., at 11:00 p.m., the traditional Candlelight Service.

ST. JOHN'S, Main Street. On Tuesday, December 24th, the church will celebrate Christmas with Masses at 4:00, 5:15, 6:30 and at 11:00 p.m. The Midnight Mass will include special music. On Christmas Day,

there will be a Mass at 8:00, 9:15, 10:30, and 11:15 a.m.

ST. ANTHONY'S OF PADUA, Bridge Street, North Agawam. On Christmas Eve, there will be a Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. At 12:00 a.m., there will be a Midnight Mass with special music by the Senior Choir. On Christmas Day there will be a mass at 9:00 a.m., with special music by the Junior Choir. At 11:00 a.m., there will be a Christmas Mass.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS, Bridge Street, North Agawam. On December 24th at 4:30 p.m., the children will take part in the service and there will be congregational singing. At 12:00 a.m., there will be a Midnight Mass with special Christmas music by the Senior Choir. On Christmas Day, there will be a Mass at 9:00 and at 11:00 a.m., and there will be carol singing by the congregation at each service.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Mill Street, Agawam, celebrates Advent with different families lighting the Advent candles. Each Sunday in Advent, a junior high or high school young person does an imaginary reading about the trip to Bethlehem. Christmas anthems will be sung on December 22nd.

Parishioners have decorated a "Mitten Tree" and have donated non-perishable foods for the Shopping Cart, which will be given to Open Pantry.

On December 24th, at 7:00 p.m., a family worship service will be held. At midnight, there will be a service of Carols, Communion, and Candlelighting, the culmination of the month-long Advent celebration.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, will have two services on December 22nd. At 8:00 a.m., the Holy Eucharist with Jesus' Birthday Party, the Children's Christmas Pageant, and the Greening of the Church.

On December 24th, Christmas Eve, at 5:00 p.m., will be Children's and Family Eucharist with music by the Junior Choir. At 10:40 p.m., there will be a choral prelude for the 11:00 p.m., Midnight Eucharist Candlelight Service.

On December 25th, Christmas Day, at 10:00 a.m., there will be the service of Holy Eucharist with hymns.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, will celebrate Christmas with Mass on Tuesday, December 24th, at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., and at midnight. The 4:00 p.m. Mass will include music by the Children's Choir and a Pageant by the pre-school children. At the Midnight Mass, there will be special music. On Christmas Day, Mass will be celebrated at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, North Westfield Street, is celebrating the Advent Season with different families participating each Sunday in the lighting of the Advent Candles. On December 22nd, the worship service will include a dedication for several new gifts in memory of loved ones, and new members will be received into the church fellowship.

On Christmas Eve, at 11:00 p.m., there will be a Candlelight Service with Holy Communion and all are welcome. The congregation will join in singing carols and the Diaconate will conduct the Candlelight Service with the lighting of personal candles.

On December 29th, the sermon will be "Christmas Is A Lirgering Dream" at the regular worship service.

FEEDING HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, South Westfield Street, will have a special service on Christmas Eve from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., celebrating the Lord's Supper. There will be carol singing by the congregation.

On December 31st, New Year's Eve, from 9:00 p.m. to midnight, there will be a special program. A family film will be shown from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m., followed by an hour of fellowship. From 11:00 p.m. to midnight, there will be a worship service, ending at midnight with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, will celebrate the Family Festival of Christ on Sunday, December 22nd, at the regular worship service. Following the service, there will be a party for the children. On Christmas Eve at 11:30 p.m., there will be carol singing and a Candlelight Service in the sanctuary.

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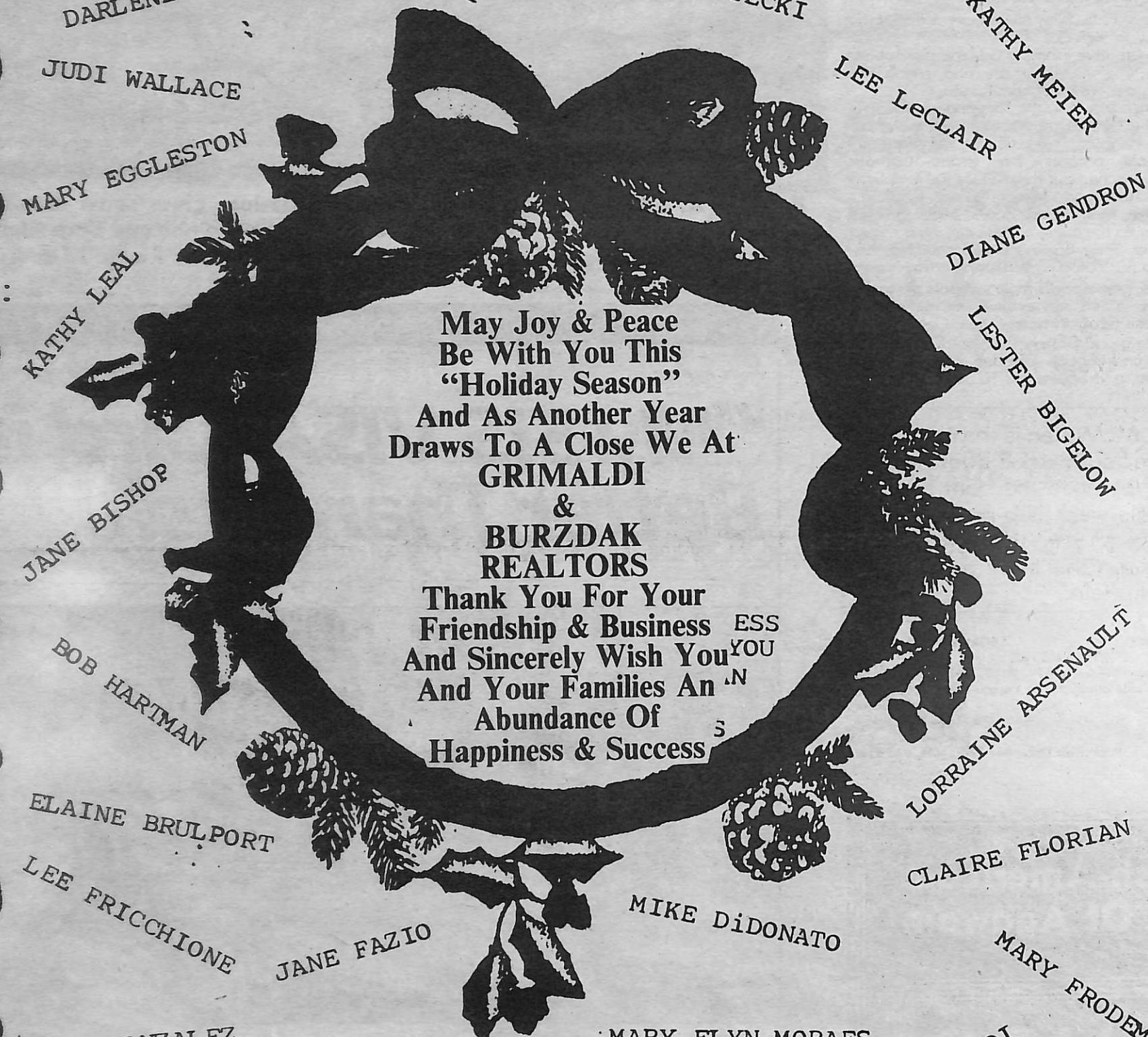


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Creative Framing Features Works By P. Buckley Moss

by R. T. McMullen
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Enfield: Recently, Creative Framing and Gallery on High Street, Enfield hosted a wine and cheese opening featuring the works of P. Buckley Moss. The small gathering also celebrated Creative Framing becoming the exclusive dealer for Moss's work in the Northern Connecticut area.

"P. Buckley Moss is one of the hottest artists in the country right now," Creative Framing and Gallery owner Roger W. Geery reports. "Her work is affordable and usually increases in value as her limited edition prints sell out. You should buy art primarily because you like it, but there's some investment potential here as well," Geery added.

The paintings of P. Buckley Moss have a distinctive style that is easy to pick-out after you view the prints exhibited at the Creative Framing Gallery. Her subject matter frequently depicts Amish and Mennonite farmers living in a more ideal community.

Mrs. Moss wasn't born in the Shenandoah River Valley where she creates most of her work. An offspring in the American Depression of the 1930's of Italian immigrant parents, her strong Catholic background has reached out to embrace the simplicity and faith of the Amish and Mennonite way of life.

Like the Amish, Mrs. Moss's notion of design and aesthetics border on the austere. Her painting is deceptively simple with long flowing lines acquiring their own identity in a harmonious, reassuring environment.

In her art trees, geese and simple symbols present a stable world view which may explain her tremendous popularity in these troubled times," said Geery.

Creative Framing and Gallery is located at 48 High Street in Enfield and is open Tuesday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: R.T. McMullen is the municipal writer for the Southwick Suffield Advertiser News. Because the front page of our paper this week is a portrait by P. Buckley Moss, we thought it appropriate to run this story on Creative Framing in Enfield.

LEGAL NOTICE

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On or after this date (December 12th, 1985) I will no longer be responsible for bills contracted by anyone other than myself.

Dorothy B. Brown
278 North West Street
Feeding Hills, MA

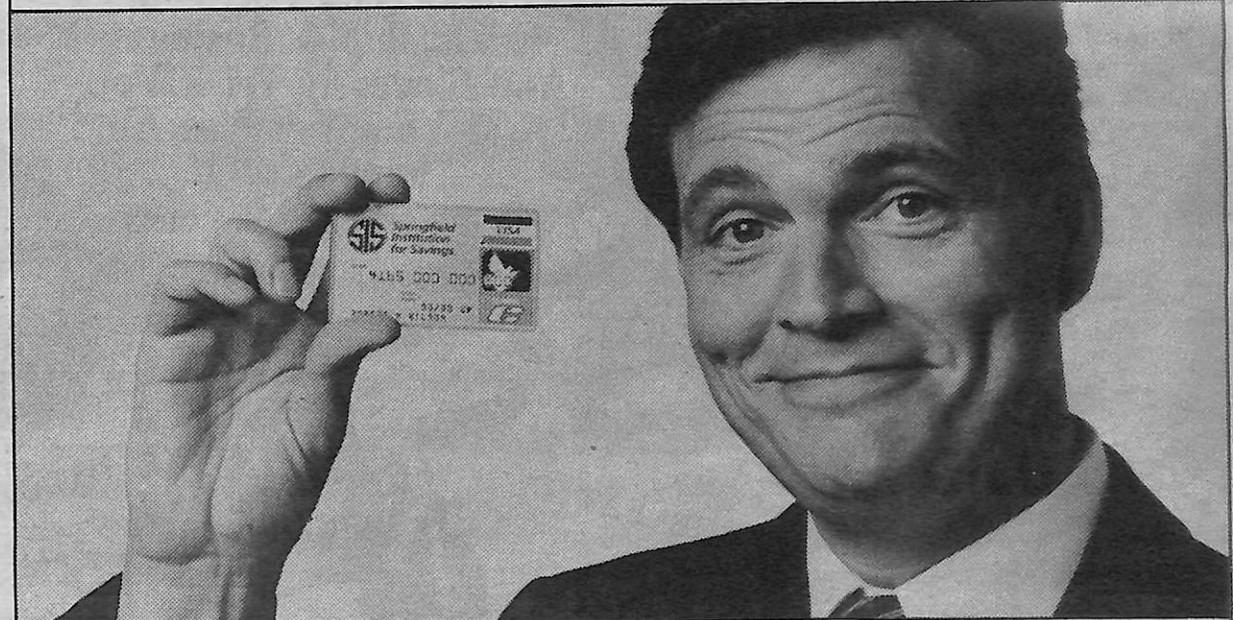
Published: December 12th, 18th, and 21st



JUDITH A. GERRY, co-owner of Creative Framing, gives some details on several of the works of P. Buckley Moss to Virginia Gleinde and Kara Gleinde. In background is Betsy Laborious, wife of Enfield Mayor Richard Laborious.

Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

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Holy Rosary Society Holds Annual Christmas Party



OFFICERS OF THE HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY of St. Anthony of Padua Church at the club's recent Christmas Party are, from left - Pauline Mercadante, party chairman; Patty Orlosk, secretary/vice president; Joanne Beltrandi, treasurer; and Margaret Ardizone, president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WAITING FOR THEIR MEALS at Da Vinci's Restaurant at the club's Annual Christmas Party are St. Anthony's of Padua Holy Rosary members, from left - Joyce Polastri, Frances Fagnani, and Rose Balboni. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

News, Activities At Ag. Senior Center

Holiday Closing - The Senior Center will close at noon on December 24th and remain closed through Christmas Day.

Thursday, January 9th, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Council on Aging will present a Hearing Awareness Program for Agawam seniors at the Senior Center. At 1:00 p.m. there will be a film titled "Overcoming Hearing Loss," followed by a question and answer period. A hearing aid specialist from Beltone of Springfield will conduct hearing screening tests, using modern electronic equipment to determine whether a hearing aid will be of help.

If one has any trouble at all in hearing clearly, this opportunity should not be passed by. It is presented as a service to Agawam seniors.

Drama Club Meeting January 14th, 2:00 p.m. for all seniors interested in planning, writing, directing and staging productions. Mark your new 1986 calendar now for January 14th at 2:00 p.m., and be at the Senior Center to share your ideas. If you can't come, call Richard or Ginny, 786-0400, extension 242, and let them know of your interest.

Snow Days. It's time to think about winter storms. If the Agawam schools are closed, the Senior Center will be closed. Listen to the radio for announcements. There will be no meal service or van service if the center is closed, but the phones will be covered for emergency service.

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For Your Health...

Avoid Losing Body Heat In Winter Season

by Dr. Douglas P. Davies - M.D.
Agawam Medical Center

Those of us who live in New England have the advantage of enjoying the variety of four seasons.

Unfortunately, the Winter Season seems to last too long and to be at times unpleasantly cold. The cold may even penetrate indoors in those dwellings with poor insulation or inefficient heating systems. This can present problems for those who try to save on high fuel costs by keeping their thermometers turned down.

Dramatic Variations In Temperature

Poorly heated living areas may show dramatic temperature variations which make it difficult to dress appropriately to maintain a comfortable body temperature. This is a particularly important health hazard for senior citizens whose internal body temperature controls may no longer function efficiently.

Prolonged body chilling may lead to pneumonia or other serious infections, and there have been tragic reports of deaths caused by exposure or freezing due to inadequate heating or total lack of heat.

Obviously, updating heating systems and improving insulation are important to avoid this situation. It is also important to dress properly — clothing should be loose fitting and consist of two or more layers; that is two mediumweight sweaters will retain body heat more efficiently than one heavy, tightly fitted sweater.

Increasing body activity is also important in maintaining proper body temperature. The increased muscular activity will cause an increase in available body heat.

For glossy copies of photos in this issue, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave him a message!

Elderly More Susceptible To Heat Loss

Alcoholics and elderly persons who are debilitated because of chronic disease or advanced age are particularly susceptible to body heat loss resulting in excessively low body temperatures.

If an individual living in a poorly heated area is found to be less alert than usual, consideration should be given to the possibility of hypothermia (reduced body temperature). If the body temperature is below 95-96°, medical advice should be obtained. Temperature should be taken rectally in this situation as oral or arm pit temperatures are less reliable.

Concern Of Frostbite

Another area of concern in cold weather is frostbite. Prevention of this condition is important and may prevent a painful and potentially disabling condition. Weathermen routinely give wind chill factors now. If it is 10° or below in air temperature, caution should be exercised to avoid freezing hands, feet, face, and ears.

Again, loosely fitting clothing is important. Avoid wearing tight socks as they leave insufficient room for air circulation in boots. Don't wear tight shoes either. These are two prime causes for cold injury to feet.

Also, avoid prolonged standing. Walking vigorously or jumping will help to improve circulation to the feet. Ski masks help to avoid ear, nose, and facial freezing.

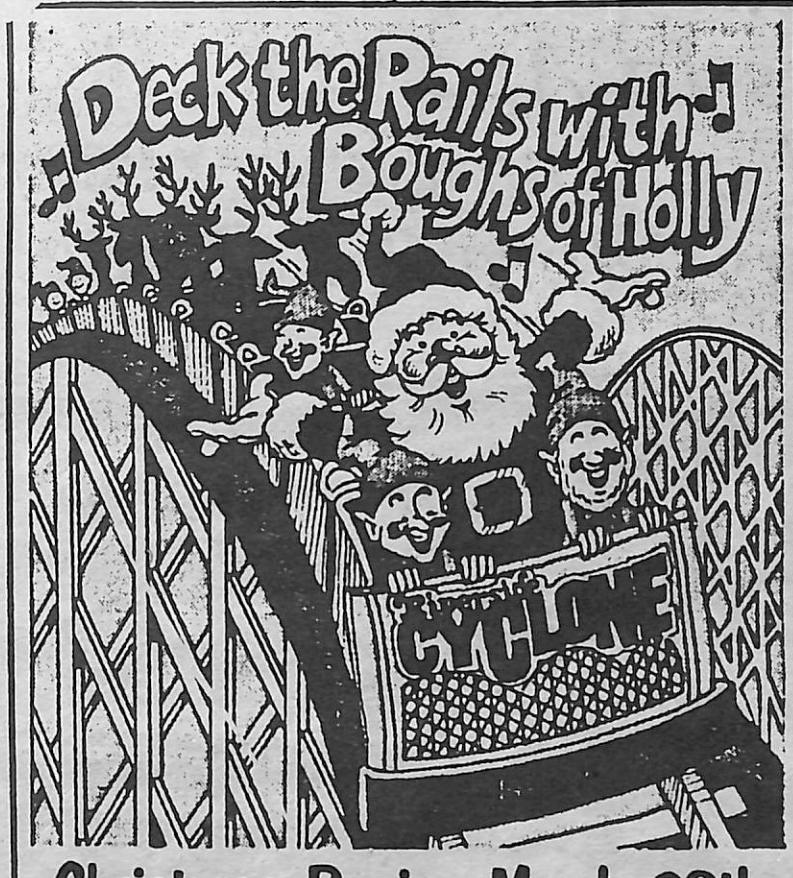
Two layers of gloves and/or mittens are important for protecting the hands, and great care must be exercised when handling metal objects because the metal draws off body heat very rapidly.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season from myself and the other physicians and staff of the Agawam Medical Center.

Sandy Smith Noted



SANDRA S. SMITH of Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, receives congratulations from Dr. Henry J. Heimlich who presented her with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts Life Saver Award Medal. Mrs. Smith saved the life of a senior citizen at the Agawam Senior Center by using the Heimlich maneuver.



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For Your Health - Continued

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Selecting Visual Toys For Children At Christmas

When shopping during the holiday season, parents might keep in mind that they can give their children toys that will give them hours of fun while helping their children improve their visual skills.

Well chosen toys can enhance several kinds of visual skills. These skills are important for children to master, enabling them to perform well in school and in sports.

For adults, proper visual skills are also important to drive a car safely and to succeed at work.

Help Available At Earliest Age

Parents may help their child's vision at the earliest ages. Playthings hung across an infant's crib which involve motion and color foster eye, hand, and foot coordination. Mobiles in a crib should be within baby's reach in order that hands and eyes can learn together.

Once the child starts crawling, then running and walking, his or her eyes are the guiding mechanism for the entire body. If a child is clumsy or constantly bumping into things, it may be that the eyes are not leading the body properly.

Balancing, hopping, and jumping toys as simple as jump ropes improve general movement skills while being fun.

Eye-hand coordination affects performance in sports and being able to complete school work on time. Toys that encourage a child to use eyes and hands together include the many variations of blocks and building toys for a young child; target games, batting practice toys, frisbees, and badminton are great for older children.

Model building, table-top hockey and even home video games when used in moderation, develop hand-eye coordination.

Size and shape discrimination is another important visual skill. One of the reasons a child might read or write backwards is a lack of size and shape discrimination skills.

Toy Suggestions

Nesting blocks and tiles that fit in a form board are good for the 1½ year-old child; the three year-old might build with snap-together blocks and play with puzzles. Older children are challenged by Perfection and Superfection to make fast changes of geometric shapes.

Visualization and visual memory are needed for reading comprehension. Battleship, Stratego, checkers, and similar board games develop these skills. Concentration and other card games also encourage visualization and visual memory.

There are many toys that can help a child learn visual skills as well as be fun. Parents should select safe toys when they go shopping and toys that will help their children's visual development.

All the hometown news,
with us, every week!

FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks
Agawam Fire Chief

Give A Gift To Save A Life

Looking for a novel, yet practical gift to give for Christmas? The Agawam Fire Department suggests you consider giving smoke detectors, portable fire extinguishers and portable fire escape ladders to family and friends. Unfortunately, many people will not purchase fire safety items for themselves. What better way to show you care. Give a gift to save a life.

When purchasing smoke detectors, buy the battery operated kind. (They will still work when the power is out.) Buy some extra batteries as well. It only takes a screwdriver and two screws to install most detectors, so include installation as part of your gift to assure it will be put up immediately. Smoke detectors make a good gift. In fact, several cases have been documented at Christmas time when smoke detectors, still in the box under the tree, sounded the alarm and saved families from home fires.

When purchasing fire extinguishers, get an ABC multi-purpose type. That means it can be used on any small fire to put it out quickly. Make sure your recipient reads the label and learns how to use the extinguisher properly. It's not difficult to learn, but there is not time to do so after the fire has started. Fire extinguishers should be kept in homes (kitchen area), car, boats, campers, and trailers.

When purchasing or making escape ladders, make them 15- to 20-feet long and light enough to be used by a child. Too often, people are trapped in second story rooms without a safe way down. There is usually not enough time to begin to tie sheets together. A ready-made ladder is necessary. Keep them coiled under beds. You can purchase metal escape ladder from most hardware stores.

When purchasing any of these fire safety items, look for the UL label. Underwriters Laboratories is a testing lab which lists items passing certain safety tests.

Why not do yourself a favor at Christmas. Be your own friend. Buy one or all of these gifts for yourself.

Red Cross Has Special Holiday Hours

The American Red Cross Blood Services — Northeast Region announced today special holiday hours will be scheduled for the Springfield Blood Donor Center at 235 Chestnut Street. Donor Center hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"The holidays are always a difficult time for blood collection, because people are busy planning celebrations," said Judy Schaefer, spokeswoman for the Northeast Region Blood Services. "We are changing our operating hours on these holidays to make it more convenient for donors to give blood."

"We generally notice a decline in blood donations during major holiday periods, because donors become involved in festive activities. The week between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day is a time of particular stress on the blood supply because these holidays fall so closely together," said Ms. Schaefer.

Throughout the summer and fall, blood collections have been lower than usual, which resulted in a blood shortage in September. While this shortage has been alleviated thanks to the tremendous public response to an appeal for blood, "there is always the possibility that a decline in donations during the holiday could cause serious shortages," according to Schaefer.

Generally, anyone in good health, 18 years of age or older (17 years with signed American Red Cross parental/guardian consent form), who weighs at least 110 pounds and has never had hepatitis may be able to donate blood.

For more information on special holiday donor center hours, as well as regular hours, and scheduled blood drives, call the Red Cross, toll free, 1-800-462-2229 during business hours.

Freedom From Smoking Set For YMCA January 7th

"Freedom From Smoking," a seven session group program for smokers who want to quit, will be held at both the Springfield and Westfield YMCA starting January 7th.

The program uses group support, films, relaxation exercises, and the behavior process to ease the stress of quitting. The course is \$40 and pre-registration is required. Call the Lung Association, 737-3506 to register.

SAVE-A-LIFE Bloodmobile In Windsor

Windsor Locks: The Annual Windsor Save-A-Life Bloodmobile will be held on Monday, December 23rd, at the Trinity Methodist Church, Park Avenue, Windsor. The bloodmobile will be open from noon until 5:00 p.m.

Many lives are saved or sustained each year from blood donations. All of Connecticut's 40 hospitals depend solely on donations made through the Red Cross blood program.

Anyone in good health, between the ages of 17 and

66 years-old, and weighing more than 110 pounds, may be eligible to donate. Donors between the ages of 66 and 79 may give blood if a Red Cross Authorization Letter is presented at the blood drive.

To obtain approval, donors in this age group should submit written certification of their good health from their physician to a Red Cross Blood Services physician. First-time donors, and those 75-years or older, will not be eligible to give.

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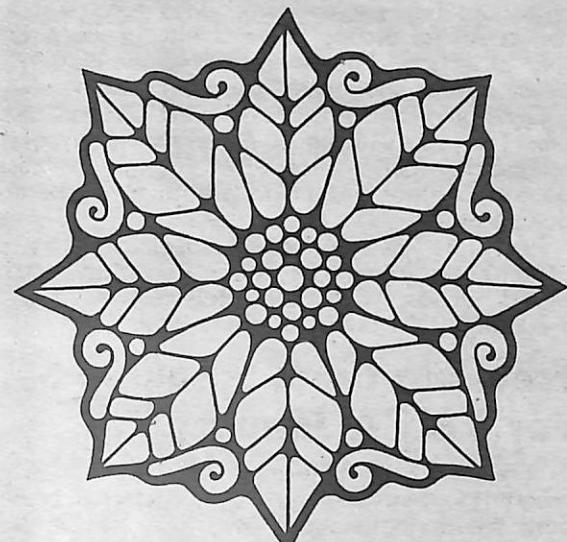
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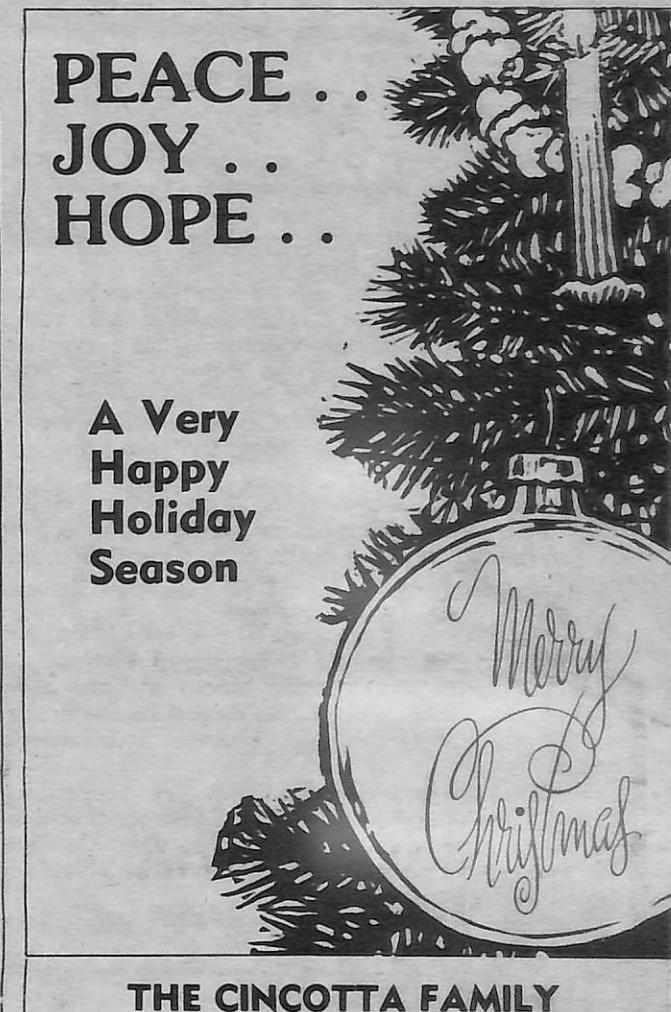


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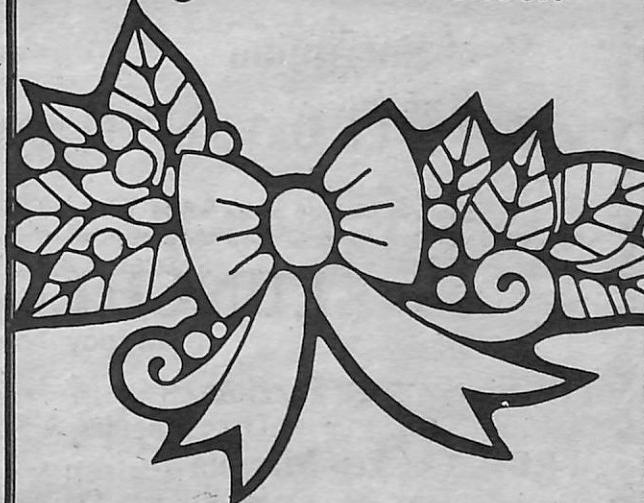


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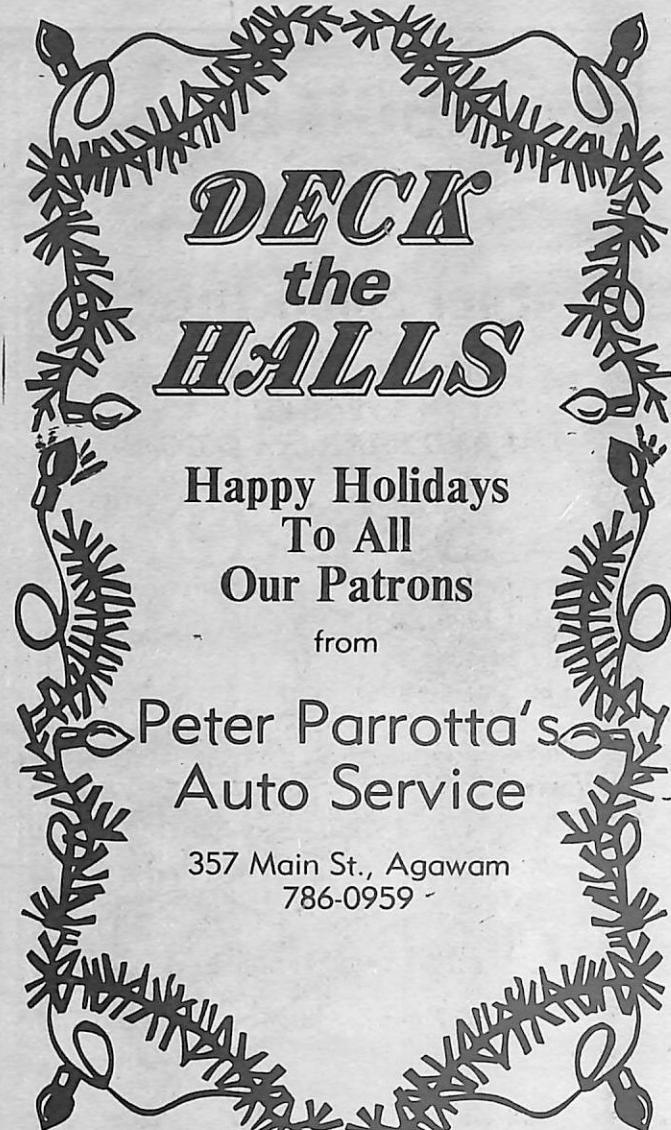
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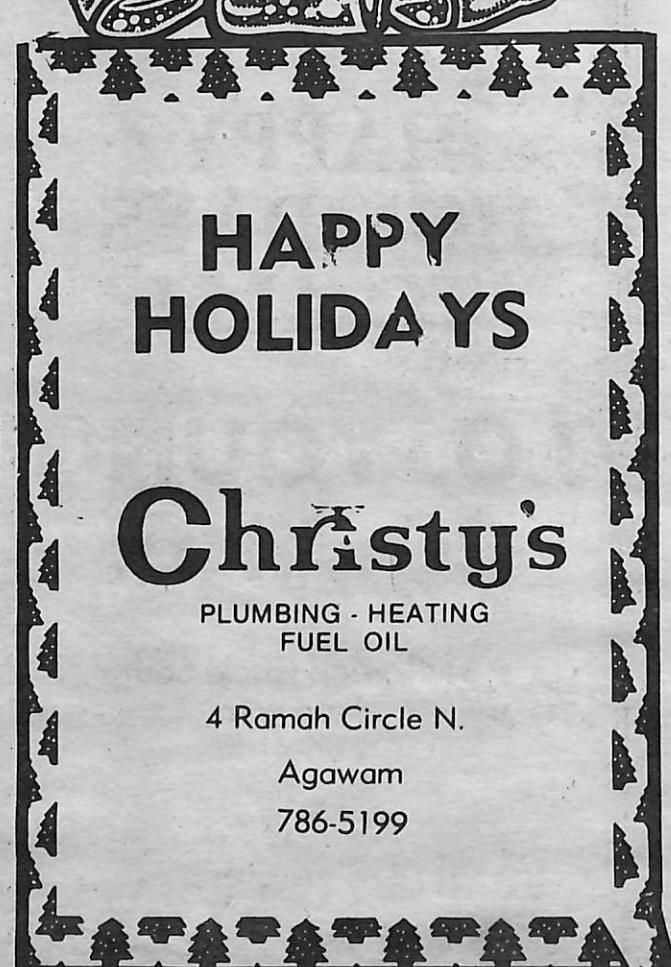


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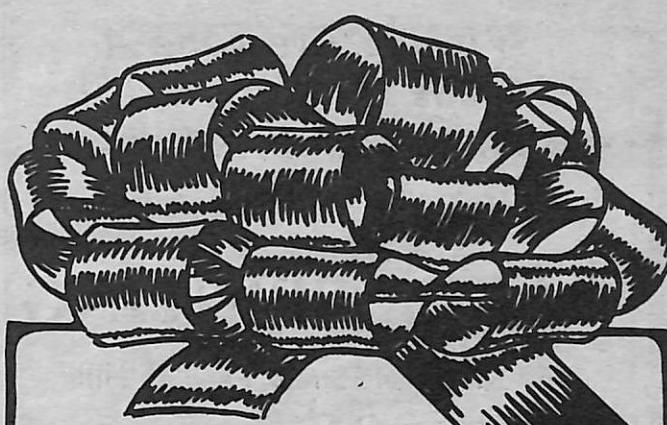


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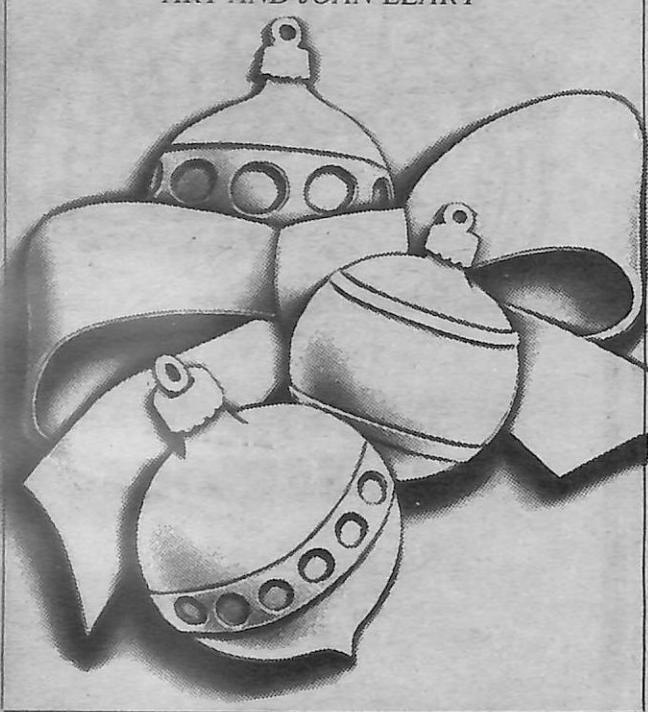


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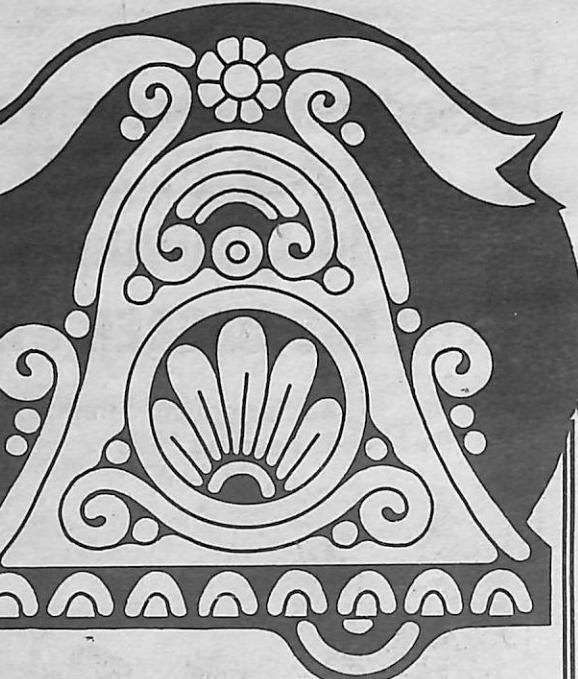


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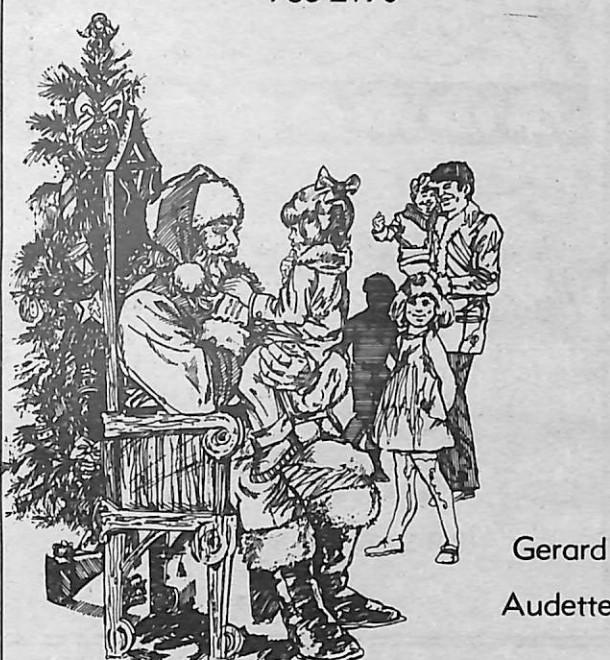


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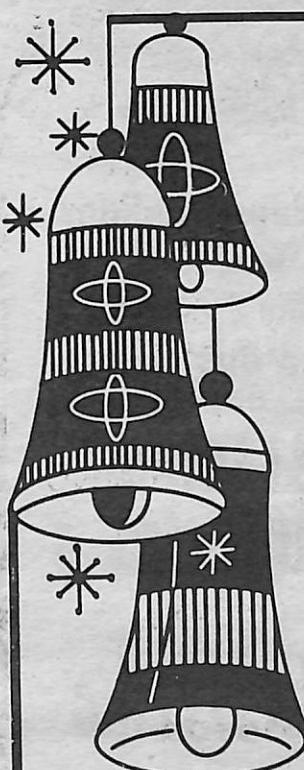
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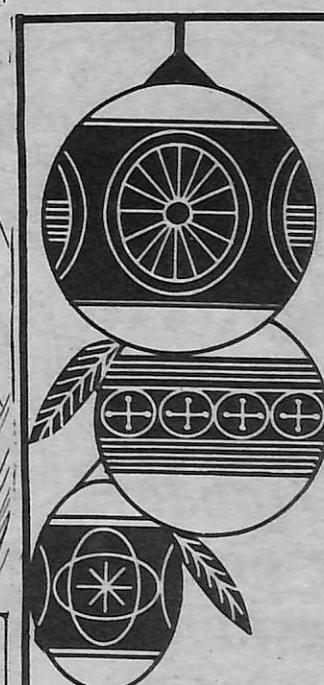
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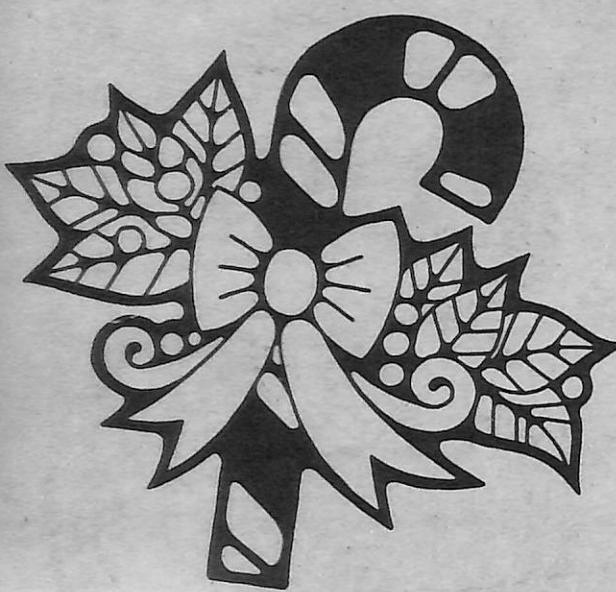


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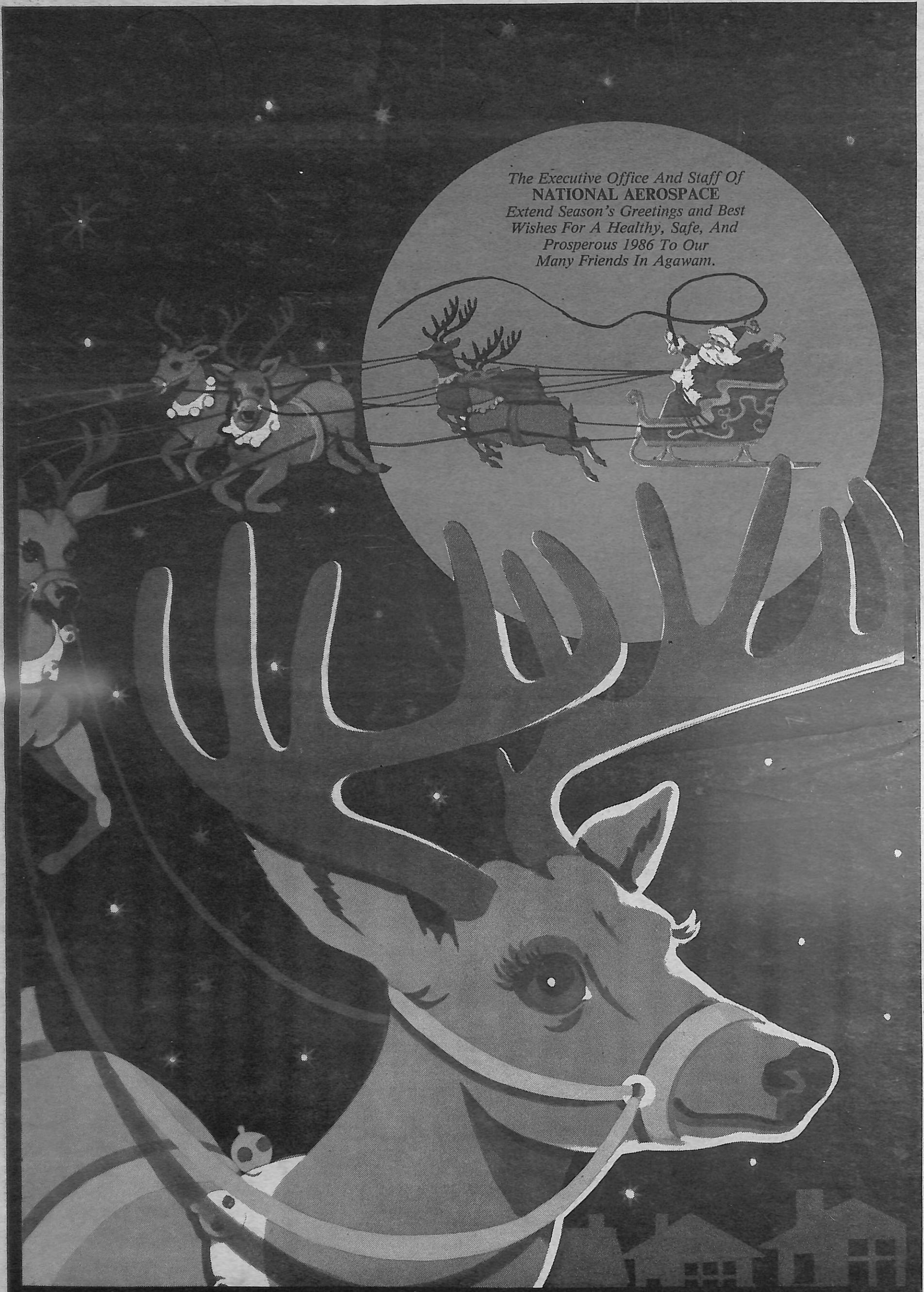
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